GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006
DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS .
Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan);Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Backward Regions Grant Fund has been constituted;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The average annual amount disbursed to States out of the said Fund, so far;

(d) The number of backward districts identified in each State;

(e) The grounds on which fund is being allocated to these districts; and

(f) The projects for which funds are sanctioned for the development of backward districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN AND SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH `LALAN` FOR ANSWER ON 02.08.2006

(a) to (f): The Backward Regions Grant Fund is yet to be constituted. The scheme is being designed to address the issues relating to regional disparities persisting within States, including the relatively prosperous ones, to a greater or lesser degree and is under finalization. A provision of Rs.5000 crore has been made in the Budget 2006-07.